



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on June 12, 2013, at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Steven Pound; Vice Chair Nancy Perkins; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Peter Geiger; William Beardsley; Nichi Farnham; and Kristin Bishop.

Excused: Ande Smith

Also present were: Commissioner Stephen Bowen; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Steven Pound called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Steven Pound: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the May 15, 2013 minutes as written.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM FOR THE MAINE COLLEGE OF ART
TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO MAINE RULE CHAPTER 132 (MAINE'S LEARNING RESULTS:
PARAMETERS FOR ESSENTIAL INSTRUCTION)

STATEMENT OF FACT: This chapter outlines Maine's Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction pursuant to Title 20-A Section 6208 and Section 6209. These standards describe the state's performance expectations for students across all eight content areas and guide instructional in public education in Maine.

The revisions for English language arts and mathematics reflect the performance expectations developed through the national Common Core State Standards initiative. Effective immediately following rule making these standards shall inform instruction K-12 for English Language Arts and mathematics. In April of 2011 the state adopted comparable accountability standards for English Language Arts and mathematics into Maine Rule Chapter 131 (Maine' Federal, State, and Local Accountability Standards). These state assessments, used for federal accountability in reading and mathematics, are aligned to Maine Rule Chapter 131 and reflect all aspects of the Common Core.

In addition to the new standards for English language arts and mathematics that the state is adopting into Maine Rule Chapter 132, the state is also adopting new standards for science. The revisions for science reflect the performance expectations developed through the national Next Generation Science Standards initiative. These standards shall inform instruction K-12 for science. The 2013-2014 school year will provide time for schools to become acquainted with the new standards. During the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 academic years schools will implement the new science standards. In 2016-2017 the state will have full implementation of the new science standards. The state projects the adoption of a science assessment that is fully aligned to the new standards not before, the 2016-2017 school year. Until the adoption of a new assessment, the state will continue to align the MeCAS Assessment for science to the science standards of the 2007 Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Maine DOE recommends that the State Board of Education vote to move forward with rulemaking in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act to adopt the proposed science revisions into Rule Chapter 132

The Maine DOE also recommends that the State Board of Education, act on the motion made during the May meeting to move forward with rulemaking in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act to adopt the proposed changes for English language arts and mathematics into Rule Chapter 132.

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to table the proposed changes to Maine Rule Chapter 132 (Maine's Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction).

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; SITE APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; RSU 72 FRYEBURG – GRADES PREK-5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FACT: Superintendent Gary MacDonald requests that the State Board of Education approve a site that is presently owned by the District in Fryeburg, Maine for an addition to the Molly Ockett Middle School to house grades Pre-K-5. The addition will house students from the Charles Snowe School in Fryeburg and possibly from the New Suncook School in Lovell, Maine, and the Brownfield Denmark School in Denmark, Maine. The RSU is currently evaluating the advantages of a possible consolidation of the district's three elementary schools.

The school site is 37 acres in size and is located close to the village of Fryeburg. The site is composed of sandy soils and the topography has a very straight slope making it an excellent site for the development of fields, drives, and the school addition. The site is served by the public water system. Fryeburg does not have a municipal sewerage system so on-site disposal will be necessary.

The site application with all supporting documentation is on file with the Department of Education.

Project Information:

Project: Addition to school in RSU 72
Superintendent: Gary MacDonald, Superintendent
Architect: Stephen Blatt Architects
Engineer: DeLuca-Hoffman Associates
Total number of acres: 37 (32 useable.)
Total number of acres eligible for State support: N/A (District owned)
Purchase cost: N/A (District owned)
Appraised value: N/A
Amount eligible for State support: N/A

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On June 3, 2013, the Construction Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU 72 for construction of an addition to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine, to house elementary school students.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU 72 for construction of an addition to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine, under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Site Approval to RSU 72 for construction of an addition to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine, under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS – VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR FOR 2013 – 2014

Presented by Steven Pound, Nominating Committee Chair: A slate of officers were submitted at the May 15, 2013 Board meeting. Peter Geiger was nominated for election of Vice Chair and Nancy Perkins was nominated for election as Chair.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to elect Peter Geiger as vice chair for the term of one year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

The election for chair was done by a secret ballot vote. Martha Harris was the Clerk of the Committee. The two names up for Chair of the Board were William “Bill” Beardsley and Nancy Perkins. The results were Nancy Perkins 5 votes and William “Bill” Beardsley 3 votes.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Chair, Steven Pound:

- On May 21, he attended a Building Bridges Program meeting. *Description* - The Building Bridges Program is a business-education partnership sponsored by the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. Participating businesses find it a valuable means to develop the future workforce. The Building Bridges Program, although it was one of the first of its kind in Maine, is now among more than thirty in various parts of the state. The program

offers 4.5 teacher re-certification credits (CEU's). The Premier Sponsor of Building Bridges is Cianbro Corporation.

- He attended a Community Advisory Group meeting for Penobscot Job Corps. Their enrollment has opened up but there is still a funding shortage.
- On May 28, he participated in a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board of Director's Conference call meeting. NASBE is still looking at restructuring and hiring people, including a new executive director.
- On May 29, the Council of State Governments (CSG) came to Augusta. Steve had the opportunity to join Pam Goins in a meeting with Commissioner Bowen. The meeting was to discuss the Deeper Learning report. The CSG is working with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). They have given their report to Commissioner Bowen and are looking for support from the State.
- He also met with the Commissioner for Agenda Review on May 29. He talked with the Commissioner regarding Common Core Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards.
- On June 3, the Legislative Leadership Committee met with Greg Scott to discuss bills.
- On June 4, the Maine Employer's Initiative held a scholarship presentation at the Hall of Flags to try to promote education within companies. Eleven people received scholarships.
- On June 4, he received a call from PICUS, the group that is reviewing Essential Programs and Services (EPS) requesting input on which stakeholders should be involved with respect to reviewing their results and at what locations around the State. They are currently looking at Presque Isle, Bangor, Farmington and Portland.
- He is pleased to see so many Board members are attending the Superintendent's conference on July 23 to July 25. He thanked the Commissioner for extending the invitation to all Board members.
- All four new Board members (Peter Geiger, Ande Smith, Bill Beardsley and Nichi Farnham) will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Institute on July 26 and 27.
- Four Board members (Peter Geiger, Martha Harris, Nancy Perkins and Steve Pound) will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference on July 28 – 30.
- The Board retreat is scheduled for Monday, August 12 and Tuesday, August 13.
- He requested that all Board members turn in their expense account vouchers on time so they will be paid up to date by June 30.

Vice Chair, Nancy Perkins:

Report of Meetings:

➤ **Certification and Higher Education Committee Report:**

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on May 28. In attendance: Committee members – Jana Lapoint, Heidi Sampson and Nancy Perkins, Chair. The Committee was joined by Board member Nichi Farnham, Mark Cyr, DOE Certification Coordinator; Alisa Johnson, DOE Higher Education Specialist; and guests Sandra MacArthur, Maine School Management Association, and Wendy Gaal, Reading Matters to Maine.

Mark Cyr reported that the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) public hearing for Chapter 13 will be June 20 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Jana Lapoint, Nichi Farnham, and Nancy Perkins will be representing the Certification Committee. Mark had been contacted by the state athletics directors' association with concerns about bringing in the national standards as part of the endorsement process. This group will be contacting the committee with their requests.

Alisa Johnson discussed the possibility of a reciprocal agreement for on-line courses. The acronym for this group is SARA. This is in the formative stages. Part of the responsibilities for the Higher Education division of DOE would be assessing in-state programs. A complaint department would need to be created as each state would monitor those programs operating within their respective borders and would handle any complaints. Several other issues were touched upon and will need further discussion. These issues include institutions that are currently out of compliance, revocation of degree granting authorization, and fee structures for out of state applicants to operate within the State.

Wendy Gaal presented information on Reading Matters to Maine. Reading Matters to Maine is interested in being a part of the Chapter 115 stakeholders' group. Wendy provided a request with specific language that evidence based reading which is offered to special education teaching candidates be required for all teachers; this would become a part of the language of Chapter 115. Senator Justin Alford, President of the Senate, submitted a letter of support urging the Committee to amend the certification rules to include the requirement of evidence based reading. The Committee did agree to continue a conversation concerning the establishing of a Chapter 115 stakeholders' group with Commissioner Bowen.

Due to the Superintendents' Conference, the next Committee meeting has been moved to July 1, 2013. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

➤ **New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC):**

The New England Secondary School Consortium met on May 17. This was the wrap up meeting for the year. The five states - Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut gave a brief overview of the status of the following initiatives: proficiency based education, multiple pathways, high school completion, expanded Career and Technical Education (CTE). Maine discussed the work on the proficiency based diploma. Forty-one Institutes of higher education have signed MOUs on accepting proficiency based diplomas.

Education Related Activities:

- On May 30, she attended the Smarter Balanced Workshop – 2. Workshop 1 was a telephone conference. The purpose of the meeting was to develop the basic components of Maine's Smarter Balanced toolkit, to draft a road map towards implementation, and to establish clear next steps in the implementation process.
- On May 31, she participated in the Student Interviews for the student member to fill the position left vacant as Chelsey Whynot moves on to college. Three names were forwarded to the Governor's office. We were informed by the Governor's office yesterday that the student will not be appointed until September.
- On June 7 and 8, the Council of State Science Supervisors met. The session most beneficial to the Certification and Higher Education Committee involved a discussion around the topic of undergraduate science education.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Martha Harris:

➤ **Construction Committee:**

The Construction Committee met on June 3, 2013. Present were Martha Harris; Peter Geiger by telephone; Nichi Farnham; Scott Brown, DOE; Paul Johnson, DOE; Gary MacDonald, Superintendent RSU 72; Jay Robinson, Incoming Superintendent; Stephen Blatt, Architect; and

William Hoffman, Engineer.

RSU 72 presented its site for an elementary school in Fryeburg. They are number six on the final priority list. There was a nearly unanimous straw vote. The site is 37 acres in size and owned by the district. The plan is to house grades PreK through 5 in an addition to the Molly Ockett Middle School.

RSU 72 consists of seven towns and is 300 square miles in size. There are three elementary schools. At the least, the Charles Snow School in Fryeburg will be closed. The District is considering a large project which would consolidate all three elementary schools (including New Suncook School in Lovell and the Brownfield Denmark School in Denmark. Ninety percent of the elementary students in the District are within 15 miles of this site. Architect Blatt has proposed designs for a smaller and a larger project. The site would support the larger project.

Bill Hoffman has reviewed the site and supports it. There are no zoning constraints. DOT has recommended certain improvements, none of which are difficult.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve the site for RSU 72.

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting.

The Committee reviewed the proposed changes in Chapter 60. Only substantive change involved how many State Board meetings would be required between site approval and concept approval.

Changes were unanimously approved. However, it is clear that Chapter 60 can be included in Chapter 61 easily. If Chapter 61 needs to be reopened due to legislative action, the Committee will recommend eliminating Chapter 60 and including necessary provisions into Chapter 61. Otherwise, changes will be recommended to proceed through the APA process. Approval by the State Board in the fall will be sufficient timing.

The Committee also unanimously recommended that the Commissioner add more projects to move forward.

Education Related Activities:

- She participated in the student interview process.
- She attended the Legislative Leadership Committee meeting on June 3.
- She continues to serve on her local school Board and was elected on June 11 to her seventh term.
- She went to Hampden Academy's graduation last Sunday and she is giving out recognition certificates to eighth graders of Winterport this evening.

Kristin Bishop:

- She has been busy with finals. Her school is using different mediums for finals versus regular multiple choice testing. Her English teacher has them reading the tenth amendment of the constitution. Her English department is trying to utilize different ways to express reading and get students involved.
- She completely implemented her anti-bullying project on May 24, at Madison Elementary School. She worked with students in grades K-4.
- She will be going to Girls State on June 16, and she is very excited about it.

- She was fortunate enough to be elected class president for the fourth year. She will be leading her class in festivities as they get ready for graduation.

Heidi Sampson:

- On May 17, she participated in the student application reviews.
- On May 24, she held the WWII workshop with homeschoolers. She was Rosie the Riveter.
- On May 28, she attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- She went to the parent information meeting at RSU 18 on May 30.
- On May 31, she participated in the student member interviews.
- On June 4, she attended a Charter Commission meeting.
- She attended a press conference in Augusta on Options of School Choice with a charter school family, a home schooling family, and a family that was tuitioned with North Yarmouth Academy.

Nichi Farnham:

- Her middle son graduated from Bangor High School on Sunday at the New Cross Insurance Section. His is the first class to graduate there.
- She was Governor of Girls State in North Dakota.

William Beardsley:

- He attended Heidi's WWII Workshop on May 24. He was very impressed at the way it integrated the Common Core Standards for English and Language Arts.
- He has attended meetings at high schools where they have been using project based learning on virtues as part of the high school language arts program.
- His school district SAD 24 has been going through budgetary issues and he has been attending the meetings.
- He has spent a lot of time reading, studying, and talking with folks regarding the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core and how they are integrated together.
- He is on the search committee for the new head of Finance Authority of Maine.

Peter Geiger:

- On May 20, he went to a meeting where Montello School had applied for a federal school improvement grant. The incoming principal was going through all the things they were proposing and it was very interesting to hear how they would approach getting this money.
- He had a sales conference at the Cliff House and the wife of one of the attendees is involved with Somalias that come to their State of Minnesota. The town is about twenty five thousand people and they have three or four thousand Somalias. She is a former educator and has been trying to work on the education piece. He took her to Lewiston and they spent a whole afternoon talking with Kristie Clark of the ELO, Bill Webster, Superintendent, Linda St. Andre at Longley School, and Julie Sleeper at Tree Street School.
- He hosted 36 Montello School students at the Green Ladle for what he calls a "Milk and Cookie Celebration". It is a lot more elegant than milk and cookies. It is for the students that grew the most throughout the year in math scores. They are informed two days before the event. He provides the gifts and pays for the event. It is not for the kids at the top but for the kids that have grown the most.

- He has a handful of people that mentor Montello students. Because it rained yesterday, they could not play miniature golf so they went to Jokers and it was a huge success. He was unable to attend, but had five messages from people on how great it was.
- He will be speaking to the Geiger School sixth grade class on June 13 regarding values.

Jana Lapoint:

- On May 20, she attended Grandparents Day at Kennebunk Middle School.
- In the last two years she has had four families for Habitat for Humanity. Every one of them has been very committed to education. The Somali community as a whole is very concerned about education.
- She attended a Charter School Commission meeting on June 4.
- She attended a Certification Committee meeting.
- She visited MEANS on May 16, which was a part of the evaluation process that the Charter Commission needs to go through.
- She will be going to Cornville on June 20 to do their first year review.
- The Charter Commission is working on the virtual schools. An RFP will probably go out this summer for a virtual school.
- She visited the Coastal Girls Program in Freeport. It is a science program where sophomore high school girls come from all over the country. They do hiking, trail work and many other activities that puts them into nature and the woods learning about science. There were two girls from Maine (Peaks Island for one). There are 14 girls in the program and she saw seven of their presentations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the June 12, 2013 State Board of Education meeting at 1:58 PM